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### **Fire Weather Watch in Effect through Thursday Afternoon; Outdoor Burning is Not Recommended**

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office advised strong daytime winds and dry conditions may lead to rapid fire spread across parts of Guam. A **fire weather watch** will be in effect for Guam from Tuesday morning through Thursday afternoon. A fire weather watch means that critical fire weather conditions are forecast to occur.

Sustained winds of 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 30 mph are expected during the afternoons Tuesday through Thursday. The highest threat is expected for the southern part of Guam, mainly along and south of Cross Island Road. Any fires that develop will likely spread rapidly. Outdoor burning is not recommended.

The following additional advisories remain in effect:

A **high risk of rip currents** remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan through Thursday afternoon. Dangerous rip currents are expected along east facing reefs. Rip currents can sweep even the best swimmers away from the shore into deeper water. Inexperienced swimmers should remain out of the water due to dangerous surf conditions. If caught in a rip current, do not swim against the current. Swim in a direction following the shoreline, face the shore and call or wave for help.

A **small craft advisory** will be in effect for the coastal waters of Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan from 6 a.m. Tuesday to 6 a.m. Sunday. Northeast winds of 15 to 20 knots, and seas of 8 to 11 feet are expected. Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid navigating in hazardous conditions.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) remind the community to refrain from outdoor burning and listen for any additional advisories or warnings.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>

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